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## At First GLANCE

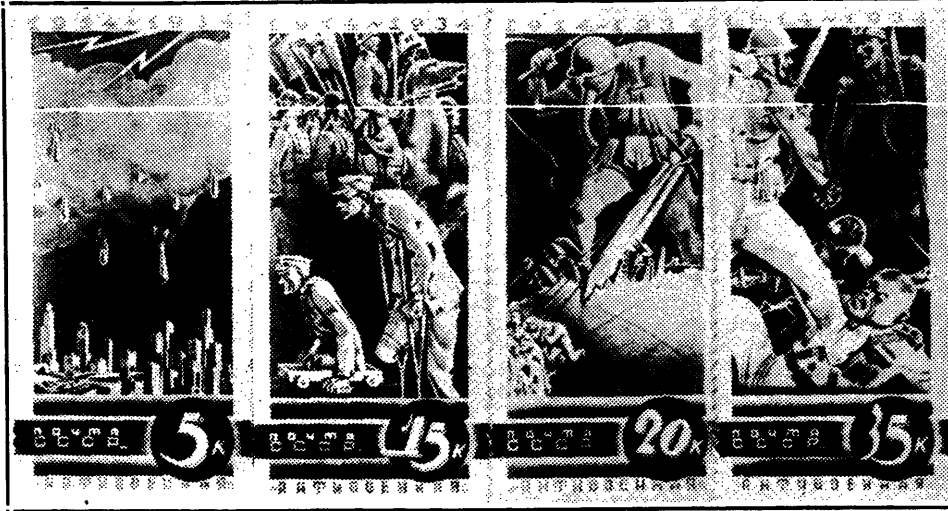
By JAY LOVESTONE

WE have seen it happen before. One can almost work out a formula for it. The liberal politician or the "scholarly" academician begins by being "objective"—towards Fascism. Then he recognizes its "achievements." Soon comes admiration. After that, it does not take long for him to embrace and champion fascism. Here we have told the story of many. Paste the following from Lloyd George in your hat for future reference—and not the distant future either: "I admire the new Germany, which interests me more than any other country in the world today. . . I follow with interest and sympathy the task of construction. . . For a not unknown part of my so-called 'New Deal' the measures of the German government have served as a model, especially as regards the questions of unemployment and land settlement." This was the message given by Lloyd George the other day to the Hitler crew thru the columns of the Berliner Tageblatt. This is the way of most liberal flesh in these days of capitalist degeneration and decay.

NO matter what one may say of Roosevelt's cabinet, it must at least be recognized that occasionally one of its members lets something drop that is serious and important. In this respect Secretary of Commerce Roper takes the cake. It would be difficult to exaggerate the significance of Roper's latest—his proposal for a "citizens' civil service reserve corps" to play the role of the Army and Navy Reserve Corps in civil life. College students and graduates are to be eligible for this reserve and their "grading should include a rating on the attitude of the student toward our form of government and loyalty to its principles." For plain speaking let Roper continue to explain that he hopes "to provide strong defense against such internal enemies as radicalism, bloc action and group pressure." Secretary Roper never opens his mouth without his master's hand moving him. Hence, we can't go wrong in saying that it is Roosevelt who must be held accountable for Roper's plan which admits its primary objectives to be the following: "First, we should provide an intellectual reservoir for the government's use in time of emergency. Second, by inculcation of the nation's problems into the citizenry as a whole we can resist the development of subversive movements. Third, we can develop a class of citizens peculiarly fitted for the increasingly complex job of governing." The emphasis is ours. Here is lots of food for thought for all workers. And we hope as much proper action will follow and follow quickly.

IT has been a long time since such important news has come out of Washington as the report that one hundred Democratic Congressmen have organized themselves into a Left Wing Bloc to act as a unit for radical legislation. This group is to work for bills which are "too radical for the Administration." Among the issues over which the fight will develop are patronage, the 30-hour week, the bonus, banking, monetary reform and agricultural policy. Farner-Labor and Republican Congressmen resisting the constant encroachment of the biggest capitalist interests and representing the middle class folks will very likely soon attach themselves to this bloc. Furthermore, we are about to see some opposition develop to that marked trend towards the emasculating of Congress thus recently described by the New York Times Washington correspondent: "It is well-known that Congress no longer originates legislation." What does all this mean? This all-important development has been forecast by us for a long time. Specifically and concretely we indicated this trend in our evaluation of last November's election when we said: "In this very overwhelming victory of the Democratic Party there are found forces undermining the foundation of the American political set-up—the two-party system. . . The vote polled by the Democratic Party as such, is a vote going across and beyond party lines." The Washington developments are signs of the times. Class alignments in the U. S. are changing, hardening and sharpening. The organized political expression of these developments are in the process of maturing and will soon unfold. The dynamics of American politics merit the earnest interest of the workers thruout the world.

## Soviet Stamps Carry Anti-War Message



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## Hatred of Progressives Unites "Lefts" and Rights in Local 22

The "new turn" on trade union tactics has whirled the Communist Party into the arms of strange bedfellows in the hotly contested election campaign in Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers leading up to the balloting late in March.

In their frantic desire to smash the Progressive administration, no matter what the cost to the union, the "Left" group has formed a united front with the most discredited and racketeering elements in the local—a united front whose only principle is "Beat Zimmerman." It is an unholy alliance which must disgust every honest militant; a living example of the opportunist extremes to which factional politics and a rule or ruin policy have driven the Communist Party.

### THE "LEFTS" FIND NEW ALLIES

The "Left" group has had the props knocked from under it in the past eighteen months by the forward march of the Progressive group and the Progressive program in Local 22. Almost completely bankrupt for issues the "Lefts" had to seek as allies every disgruntled element in the union. Thus their election campaign is being waged by a triple alliance of the Left, the old Club and the Active Members Group, all banded together under the title of the "United Dressmakers Committee." So the "Lefts" who for years served within the union and the local as the disruptive agents of the "pure and revolutionary" Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union now find themselves the comrades of those who fought most bitterly against

## NO LABOR COURTS FOR SHOE WORKERS

### Zimmerman Describes Code Gyping of Boot Bosses; Scores Labor Courts

A joint racket being carried on by the city of Lowell and the Becker Bros. Shoe Co. was exposed in a public statement in Boston by I. Zimmerman of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union.

Becker Bros. moved out of Lowell in 1933 following a victory of the workers in a strike. Now they are coming back—coming back on the payment of sums ranging from \$15 to \$100 by prospective employees. These bribes are being paid into the Lowell city hall and are receipted by the city treasurer. One of these receipts was displayed by Zimmerman in support of his contention.

Speaking before Dean Gleason Archer's Committee appointed by Gov. Curley to get factual evidence on the shoe situation on Feb. 28, Zimmerman scored the contentions made by manufacturers at previous hearings.

The burden of his speech dealt with an attack upon the claim that "high wages in Massachusetts" are responsible for migrations and shoe troubles generally; that the unions are responsible for this condition. But before ripping the veil of lies, he proceeded to give startling information on shoe code violations in the State of Massachusetts and elsewhere. He went on record in behalf of the United Shoe & Leather Workers Union as opposed to any special court to deal with industrial disputes in the State of Massachusetts. "Such courts" he declared, "have a record of thirty years existence and activity in this state and have proven themselves ineffectual in remedying any of the causes for in-

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## Triple Alliance of Racketeers And Union-Smashers Formed To Fight Progressives

Communism.

### WHO ARE THE THREE ALLIES

The "Club", the oldest of the allies, is made up of the remnants of the reactionary administration which ruled Local 22 in 1930, the administration under which the local reached an all time low in membership, finances and morale. It is led by the arch-reactionary Charles Margulis and by Prisamt, who was expelled from the union in 1925 and who set up in business as a contractor, becoming notorious as a scab-shop operator.

The Daily Worker has a standard in-

dictment to scream at the Progressives in Local 22—"they are allied with the Socialist bureaucracy." It is significant that through their alliance with the Club the revolutionaries of the "Left" have adopted the most reactionary Socialists in the union—old-time bureaucrats, the friends of the extreme right wing Waldman clique. The militant Socialists in Local 22 are all aligned with the Progressives because they believe in the Progressive program.

The "Active Members Group" has an even more unsavory history. It found its origin in the Union Defenders Committee which patrolled the shops to enforce the 35 hour week. Attempting to make a petty racket out of this union duty the members of the Committee demanded first of Zimmerman, then of the Joint

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## The Anglo-French Agreement

# EUROPE TODAY

by August Thalheimer

February 5, 1935.

### PROBING THE LONDON AGREEMENT

The French negotiators in London based themselves not only on their dossiers (briefs, documents) on German rearmament but also on information obtained concerning a German-Japanese and a Polish-Japanese secret treaty. The existence of these secret treaties is proved not only by the conduct of Germany and Poland toward the Eastern pact but also by various facts which became public recently; namely the participation of a Japanese officer in the Polish military maneuvers; the visit of Admiral Yamamoto in Berlin, etc.

The agreement, as is well known, provides that Hitler Germany sign the Eastern pact. The English had tried to persuade the French not to make this demand. Should, however, Hitler Germany be ready to agree to everything else except the Eastern pact, it is possible that England will exert greater pressure on France to drop its demand that Germany participate in the Eastern pact.

The Anglo-French air agreement is of course not merely an agreement on air forces. If the English air fleet should come to the aid of the French air fleet or vice versa it is obvious that the army and navy would not remain inactive. In reality, therefore, it is a question of a comprehensive military alliance.

The role of English foreign policy was determined also by its antagonism toward the Soviet Union. The new guarantees given by England to France

aim to weaken the relation of France to the Soviet Union and to finally make it superfluous.

The fact that England included the Eastern pact, so disagreeable to her, was due to pressure exerted by France who is in turn under pressure of the Little Entente.

What will be the result of this agreement as far as Hitler Germany is concerned? There are three possibilities.

1. Hitler Germany may accept the proposals, winning thereby legalization of armament. In that event it would, however, have to give up its imperialist designs for some time to come. These designs will by no means be eliminated. They are only pushed into the background for the time being. Thus German imperialism is temporarily checked and her prestige diminished.

2. Hitler Germany may reject the agreement, thereby further increasing its isolation in the foreign political world. It is doubtful whether it could, in this case, furnish the means necessary for its planned, full rearmament. (In case Germany accepts the agreement England has promised to grant credits). Competitive arming would be accelerated. Imperialist contradictions would be sharpened at a more rapid pace.

3. Germany may try to avoid the issue as long as possible because it is counting on an attack of Japan against the Soviet Union within a certain time. Comments in the Hitler press indicate that in all probability Germany will try to exclude the Eastern pact and to prolong negotiations.

Germany's conduct will furnish the key to the secret treaties in which it is participating.

February 12, 1935.

### HITLER GERMANY SAYS IT'S MENACED

Germany's answer to the London agreement will be ready this week. The Nazi press already indicates the line it will take Germany will accept the Anglo-French proposal for an air agreement with the stipulation that Germany have an air force and that it have the right to mobilize at the borders. (This presupposes the elimination of the demilitarized zone). The central European or Danube agreement seems to have found favor in the eyes of the Fascists provided they can link it up with the demand for a plebiscite in Austria. The Eastern Pact will be rejected.

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## AUTO LOCALS VOTE ON GENERAL STRIKE

### Green and Dillon Pussyfoot As Bosses Launch Drive On Motor Union

Detroit, Mich.

The District Council of the United Automobile Union in a special meeting last Sunday approved the action of the National Council in calling for a strike vote in all locals.

Many officers and active members emphasized the importance of convening the emergency council of all locals from automobile centers to prepare the organizational campaign, popularize general strike demands, and prepare for a general strike.

The District Council approved the report of the Murray Body strikers for continuing the fight until other sections of the auto workers join the strike movement.

Efforts of paid organizers to bar active members from participating in the discussion were defeated.

Some 176 automobile locals of the A. F. of L. are being polled now on the general strike. Both William Green and general organizer Dillon are very careful to announce that the vote does not mean a strike. It appears to be intended to show that the figures resulting from the Labor Board's vote in the various plants, were not accurate as to A.F.L. strength.

Be that as it may, the progressive and militant forces among the auto workers are sick of this delay. The peak of production is being reached and if any further delay ensues a general strike will be well nigh impossible. Leading progressives here point out that while Green is talking the companies are active. In a number of important auto factories active unionists are being fired and nothing seems to be done about it. They further point out that the conflict in the Fisher Body of Lansing and the Murray Body of Detroit are really not strikes but lockouts and that this seems to be the strategy of the employers all along the line as is proven also in the case of Fisher Body in Cleveland which rejected a union agreement and threatened to curtail production (lockout in other words) "unless continued agitation among an otherwise satisfied group is ended."

The progressives insist that the answer to this strategy of the employers is not pussyfooting or nice talk but most intensive preparation for a general strike. There is considerable resentment here over the fact that the proposal for an emergency conference of all federal local unions, approved twice by the Detroit District Council, has not even been considered by the National Council. The next meeting of the Council will undoubtedly face the same demands and will have to speak up in no uncertain terms.

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## COURTS DECLARE 7A UNCONSTITUTIONAL

### Company Unions Legal But Wage and Hour Laws Are Not Judges Decide

By JACK SMITH

Two rulings recently made by two different United States Courts in two different States are of utmost importance in the attempts of the capitalists to deprive the workers of any rights that they might have had or thought they had under the provisions of Section 7A of the National Recovery Act. One was the ruling of Judge Nields in the now famous Weirton Steel case and the other was the decision of Judge Dawson in the Bituminous Coal region. The first was in an application by the government for an injunction against the Weirton Coal Co. for violating Section 7A and the Steel Code, and the second was an application by several bituminous coal companies for an injunction against the government to stop it from enforcing section 7A. Although brought in two different courts and involving two separate issues both decisions have reached one and the same conclusion: Section 7A is unconstitutional, and can not prevent company unions from existing and functioning, and that the government has no right to enforce the codes regulating workers' hours and wages. These decisions are two more victories for the capitalist class in its concerted attack on the rights of the workers and its campaign to wrest from the workers whatever meager gains they have achieved under the provisions of section 7A of the National Recovery Act.

The Weirton Steel Decision  
The ruling in the Weirton Steel case  
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## NEW WORKERS SCHOOL FORUM

Friday, March 8, 1935  
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Clearing Foul Skies

TWO recent reports on conditions prevailing in the country bring to the fore some very serious questions. The Welfare Council of New York City in its latest survey comes to the distasteful but unavoidable conclusion that "there is every indication that more people in New York City will need relief during the coming months than during the corresponding period of any year since the depression..."

Well, a few findings from the report just issued by the NRA Research and Planning Division clear up the mystery. By December 1934 payrolls reached 60% of their 1926 level; at the same time dividend and interest payments of corporations rose to 150% of the 1926 totals. Even more significant is the following: In December 1934 national income was 40% less than in 1926 and the volume of production fell by one-third; but at the same time "the income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50% higher than in 1926. Who said Roosevelt had had president? Surely, the tobacco, auto, metal and mining kings never said it.

Let's some accuse us of being black pessimists and carping critics, we hasten to say that we are beginning to see a silver lining to it all. What is this silver lining? It is nothing more less than that the New Deal is beginning to drop its petty promises to the workers and openly to boast of its devotion to biggest business. Coincident with the federal court decision upholding the Weston company union, was a most significant declaration of policy by Raymond Moley, immediately after his tete-a-tete with Roosevelt at Hyde Park the other day: "Our government should be the fostering friend and the high judge of private business—nothing more." Well put, ex-professor! And this is what the Socialist Party aren't crazy days as the cynics say, at least, some people are helplessly haled-up politically.

Mistakes do live upon succession. It is high time for labor to quit repeating even the slightest faith in America's most complicated and costly racket, the New Deal. At best, such repetitions are ill-tuned. A whole series of recent moves by Roosevelt and his closest aides should go a long way to dissipate lingering illusions. Note the double quick time with which the Planning and Research Division of the NRA to the effect that "production has been so speeded up that a man of forty is considered too old to stand the pace." This Committee is not yet jugged. We reckon it might well be soon in view of the rapid and ruthless dispersal of all "liberals" on the AAA. "Good" ideas the Brain Trust is not lacking. Otherwise, how could Secretary of Commerce Roper, Wall Street's shoddy blunter in the cabinet, give birth to so many devices for tightening the Big Business grip on men and things? For example, but pseudo-aggressive in the Brain Trust could incite Roper with the idea he very recently gave up at the Bond Club of New York luncheon that high Federal officials and highest corporation officers should exchange their posts for certain periods. How pay for such high class "service"? Secretary of Agriculture Wallace seems to have a bright idea. Food prices are to rise at least 21% by July Fourth and meat at least 32% over the Christmas prices. Indeed a "genuinely democratic" way of paying the typpos for feeders!

It is in this Rooseveltian setting that the movement for registration of "aliens" assumes more serious proportions than ever. Everywhere reactionaries are making hay while the New Deal sun shines, judging by the fact that just now eleven good Farleyites states are considering legislation against left organizations. What more could one "not" ask for? Fortunately, it is clear that such foul skies cannot clear without a storm. Labor is beginning to display more independence and assertiveness in its dealings with its enemy in the White House. Even some of the most backward trade union officials are beginning to see that there is no worse vice than beggary. More than ever does the American working class have the strongest reasons for outrageous, aggressive action. More organization, more militant action, a mass labor party, the broadest unity of action against capitalist reaction—these among other things are timely now that the clouds of Roosevelt illusions are beginning to disappear.

The Roosevelt myth is sick, will grow sicker and die. Let us hasten and prepare its long overdue and deservng burial—unwept, unmoored, unsung, and unhonored.

Let no communist, no class-conscious worker be derelict in his duty here.

Books of the Age

by Bertram D. Wolfe

IF I WERE DICTATOR, by Julian Huxley. Harper and Brothers, Inc., 2.00. Mr. Huxley is a biologist, writer, lecturer and poet, in the order named, but in which order he wrote this book is hard to say. More to the point, it is more eminently it would be difficult to find. Biology should have taught him something about science; science, a little philosophy; and both together should have imbued him with some humility. Huxley is dreaming that he is Dictator, somewhere and somehow. Without traversing his ideas in detail, the following may be pointed out:

- 1. The economy which Huxley advocates the self-sustaining corporate state—is the fascist ideal.
2. His political system is absurdly expressed, as in a dream. (Liberty of expression; no means of expression; and no liberty of action).
3. His system of culture is a ridiculous travesty. ("The two party system after ceasing to function in politics, will justify itself in the molding of thought and taste, and the safeguarding of free (1) opinion.") Exclamation mine—MCS.
4. His philosophy based on the equation of man—God is a vulgarization of something so remote as the philosophy of the French encyclopedists of the 18th century.

Charles E. Ruthenberg

COMMUNIST FIGHTER AND LEADER
Born July 9, 1882—Died March 2, 1927.

In commemorating the eighth anniversary of the death of Charles E. Ruthenberg, the founder and outstanding leader of the Communist Party in America, we can do no better than to reprint excerpts from his pamphlet "From the Third to the Fourth Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of America," published in 1925. Especially the excerpts dealing with the Labor Party and the United Front give the key to Ruthenberg's chief contribution—his persistent and untiring struggle against the shriveling sectarianism which the Foster Group attempted to introduce into our Party.

The position of Ruthenberg and his associates in the Party (Lovestone, etc.), as expressed in the lines below, have stood the test of time and experience. When in 1929, two years after the death of Ruthenberg, the Communist International itself became the source of sectarianism and placed in the leadership of our Party the very bearers of sectarianism (Foster, Bittman, Browder, etc.) against whom Ruthenberg fought so bitterly, the supporters of the policies of Ruthenberg resumed the struggle where he had left off. Thus was born the Communist Party (Opposition) which continues to fight the battles which Ruthenberg began but could not finish.—Editor.

By CHARLES E. RUTHENBERG

At the end of 1923, when the Third National Convention was held, the Party had seemingly cast off its sectarian past and was no longer what Comrade Zinoviev described as a propaganda society. It had sunk its roots deeply among the masses, it had won a place as the leader in the movement for a new Party. It had gained a strong influence in the trade unions through its fight for amalgamation. . . . It was well on the road to becoming a Communist Party in contradiction to the propaganda society which it had been.

At the Third National Convention, the Foster Group (Foster, Bittleman, Browder, Cannon, Hathaway), which had been part of the leadership of the Party and which had formed a separate group on the issue of our Labor Party policy after the Federated Farmer-Labor convention, secured a majority in the national convention of the Party through the support of the right-wing sectarian elements. . . . The Party as a consequence was thrown into a new struggle against the right-wing sectarian tendency of the Foster Group by the Central Committee minority (Ruthenberg, Lovestone, etc.—Editor) which fought to keep the Party on the correct lines of development as a Communist Party.

The decision made in October in relation to the dropping of the Labor Party in the A.F.L. convention, the statement on the results of the presidential elections, and finally the thesis of majority declaring against the continuance of the Labor Party policy, were expressions of the new right-wing sectarianism in our Party in full bloom.

The Foster group had declared that their policy was in opposition in principle to the Labor Party policy, but in opposition under the then existing conditions. It is true that the theses of the Foster group contained the declaration: "We are not opposed to the Labor Party in principle." While this position was not made, the thesis of the whole discussion in the Party was otherwise and the thesis itself declared in a section endeavoring to prove that advocacy of the Labor Party slogan was a right-wing deviation.

"The position taken by the comrades of this tendency is that the only way to crystallize independent political action of workers and poor farmers is through a Farmer-Labor Party, forgetting the existence of the Workers Party as the political unit of the Party of the workers and poor farmers. These comrades also take the position

of the labels differently attached." Why is it that Huxley traveled thru the Soviet Union without comprehending it? How does it come to pass that for him fascism is merely "crude," (concentration camps?) or an attempt at a "short cut" (the headsman's axe?) to the promised land? Is it by reason of his scientific training that he sees with such "clarity" the difference between Fascism and Communism—"the labels are differently attached"? Or isn't it his class training sitting on top of the whole game—poet, writer, lecturer, biologist and all—and reducing all of them to philistine stupidity?—M. C. STEWART.

HANS SEES THE WORLD, by Liza Tetzner. Covici-Friede, 252pp. \$2.00. While critics argue as to the possibilities of the proletarian novel, Liza Tetzner has come upon us with a first-rate proletarian fairy-tale.

It is a tale of the depression and of wandering, homeless children, of little Hans whose father is dead, and of his travels, the lovely fairy rabbit, the wanderer from land to land in quest of his "golden fleece," money to buy bread for his mother.

He sails on ships where the most important persons, the stokers who make the ships go, have no money, and the passengers, have the most and the best food. In the world of grown-ups he

Between HAMMER And ANVIL

TO A YOUTHFUL POET

What's this, my child, you stop to talk to me? You're here to learn and I to scrub the floor. You long to understand the working class, You put your hand upon my wrist to feel its pulse? You question me and my answer is its voice? You need not stoop to speak to me for though You stand the while upon my knees I rest. Quite plain is all you say. But speak to me Of things one gets to know from life not books and I will follow the better if you stand upright.

I never thought to comprehend the working class, But borne of it, by it bred, a part of it, With fervent love and unflinching loyalty To the class from which I spring, I boast Of what to you is an origin humble indeed.

A poet you claim to be? You would write the epic of my class? But must come closer yet to their heart Than ever you have done? Here, take from me this brush and soap and bend Your youthful back. Now dip your hands into the sea and see them covered with mud. Scrub hard and clean the floor as you have seen Me do. This arduous work and tires you, Yet do not think that now you know The working class nor aught of the heart of them.

You scrubbed a bit of dirty floor And now your arm is stronger than it was before, The floor less black, though not so white as I can make it, A bit of exercise for you, a moment's rest for me. But you would understand the working class? Haunted by hunger go to the shop and work All day and then go forth with the workers As one to them, to their ill-kept homes, Go to their drunken brawls, and if much seems vulgar to you, Think not of it thus but yourself be part of it.

Then go with the quiet girl and walk by the stream And seek with her The restless calm of natural loveliness. Be despised as an ignorant worker by the workers. Who do not toil; take insult after insult Submissively and then leap up, defy The master class, leap up in unison With workings of the downtrodden working class, Together fight to win or lose it matters not. The fight is all important. Be one of the working class, at work with them, In their moments of play, And when they go forth to fight stand staunchly in their ranks.

You will see much of tragedy, of comedy a touch, Vulgarly and beauty too, deepest depths And highest heights, all these will you see. And at the end, it matters not how keen The eye with which you look, nor yet how kind And full of love the heart with which you feel for them, Ah still, my child, you will not comprehend And from them one more with bread and a deepened understanding of the ways of men, back to his native German village.

As one reviewer (Leo Huberman) put it: "If your child is as dull as your friends think he is, he'll enjoy it as a charmingly written fairy tale. If he is as bright as you think he is, he'll become aware of some of the realities in the world around him." And we might add that if you buy it for him he probably won't get a chance at it until you've finished it yourself.

FINANCIAL TRENDS IN ORGANIZED SOCIAL WORK IN NEW YORK CITY, by Kate Huntley. Columbia Univ. Press. 330pp., \$3.75.

At the VII Soviet Congress, constitutes a menace to the neighboring countries. According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung" the only thing certain is that Germany is ready to utilize the London agreement as a starting point for negotiations and the German press emphasizes that the negotiations will take a long time. The strategy apparently is to protract the negotiations indefinitely until Japan declares war on the Soviet Union. In the meantime Germany will be free to arm herself. So evident is this that the French press is protesting sharply. At any rate Germany will under no circumstances accept any agreement to curtail her present armaments or to hinder further rearming. German rearmament is backed not only by the military caste but also by the big bourgeoisie. The boom in heavy industry, the rise of profits, is largely due to the armament industry.

For the time being this boom is being financed from internal resources, as in the war period, but these resources are limited. It is therefore all the more important to intensify the campaign against foreign credits to Germany.

SOVIET UNION, by Benjamin W. Segel. Bloch Publishing Co., N. Y. 97pp., paper, \$0.50.

EUROPE TODAY--

The proposed rejection is accompanied by a vicious press campaign against the Soviet Union. The following reasons are given: 1. Germany has no common frontaries with the Soviet Union. 2. The military strength of the Soviet Union, according to the speech of Tukachevsky

Dual Unionism in the Anthracite THE SAME OLD GAME

By GEORGE F. MILES

The members of the Communist Party and its sympathizers who proudly announce, and in some cases actually do, in the name of the Communist Party has definitely and irrevocably turned its back upon dual unionism has better read once again the official statements of the C.P. and what is even more important had better examine what this supposedly new approach actually means in practice. After all the acid test of a policy lies not in the columns of the sewer called the Daily Worker, nor yet in the gib words of such political acrobats as Stachel and Browder. The test is to be found in its application to the mass organizations of the working class—the trade unions.

In the Daily Worker of February 23 the Lovestonites Vratariich and Stanley are labeled "scabs" and on March 1 the "scabbery" of Vratariich is lauded under the caption "Scab Theory; Scab Practice." These are damning exposures, but not against Vratariich and Stanley, than whom there are no more loyal proletarian fighters. These need no defense from the slanders of these masters of deception. To claim that to build one's union is a "scab theory" and to stand by one's union, when it is in crisis, is "scab practice" is to expose the slanderer—the Communist Party—as anti-unionist. . . .

In the next article we will take up the inter-union struggle; the disastrous consequences for the miners and the disruption of hard-won conditions in the mine fields; and the prospects for the dual Anthracite union. The expiration of the agreements in the soft and hard coal fields and the possible development of a general strike will also be considered.

Party Calls For Retreat

The mining industry was the first in which this new strategy was applied. The party brain-trusters who lead, loose the party from the United Mine Workers Union, which but yesterday was to be shunned by every miner as a class-colaboratorist, cesspool of company unionism, was now considered as the only possible field for revolutionists to work in. The National Miners' Rank Vratariich, against the corporals guard of remaining members herded into the U.M.W. What were the communists to do in the industry? Were they to help build and strengthen it? Were they to conduct a constructive struggle against the bureaucracy of John Lewis? The answer to these questions are to be found in the attitude of the Communist Party to the dual Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania led by the unsavory bureaucrat Maloney.

C.P. Returns To Dual Unionism No sooner had the C.P. members returned to the United Mine Workers than an opportunity presented itself to test the real nature of the Communist Party's trade union line.

In District One of the U.M.W. (Wilkes Barre region) a bitter fight was being conducted by the progressives, under the leadership of Frank Vratariich, against the reactionary and corrupt District President Boylan. To this movement attached itself a number of disgruntled individuals who, in the past, had been part and parcel of the bureaucracy in the District, among these Maloney and the whole regime, have been cause he had supported both Cappellini and Boylan against the progressives they were ready to work with him in the union. The break with Maloney came when, after he had conferred with Cappellini, who was then "in jail" for "concealing insurance," he came out for organizing a union dual to the U.M.W. Vratariich and other leading progressives warned of the consequences of dual unionism for the miners and when their warning went unheeded parted company with Maloney. What was the attitude of the Communist Party members? Here was an opportunity for them to prove that they had really forsaken the road of union smashing and that they were honest in their cries of "Build The A. F. of L." They did not. They returned again did the cry go out to the faithful to throw their forces behind Maloney—to smash the United Mine Workers Union. With this decision the Communist Party has once again exposed all its maneuvers and changes of line as being totally dual unionist. With this decision the Communist Party says in so many words—we are going back to the A. F. of L. only because we are now isolated and must seek, within the unions of the A. F. of L., a new base for dual unionism.

Torquemada Lives Again

I shall try to explain briefly the actual situation of our country. One pressing question presents itself. What is going to happen now? The bourgeoisie, better than anyone else, comprehends that the present situation is only provisional, unstable. The shock has been so violent, so deep, that the bases not only of the government but also of the whole regime, have been shaken. It is the anguish before the uncertainty of the future, which provokes in them, the "victors," excesses of rage, hysteria, and the desire to impose exemplary punishments, to see blood flow again. . . . The spirit of the great inquisitor Torquemada animates once more a section of the Spaniards and their instigating counsels.

Collapse of Democracy

Democracy, after 3 1/2 years of the Republic has satisfied no one. The workers are rebelling against this pretense at democracy and are advancing through the means of insurrection towards the Socialist revolution. The bourgeoisie on the other hand, is no longer satisfied and is orientating itself towards fascism. But that regime is very similar to the dictatorship which crashed just a few years ago, after having brought misfortune to all social layers of the population. . . . The principal social base for Fascism was at the beginning the declassed and famished petty-bourgeoisie. It is among them that Hitler and Mussolini recruited their partisans. This cannot be the case in Spain. If a part of the petty-bourgeoisie is to be identified with that of Kornilov and of Von Kapp, as was already was in Spain in the autumn of 1932 with Sanjurjo. Besides, the dictatorship would enormously aggravate those problems posed by history which the bourgeoisie cannot identify with.

Social Basis Of Fascism

On the other hand, all does not go well among the workers. The fascist elements lean upon the large landowners and the Church. But the industrial bourgeoisie, at least at the present moment, is not disposed to follow them. There are important contradictions of an economic nature among the agrarians and the industrialists, which are concentrated especially in Catalonia and in Biscay (Bilbao). The sharply reactionary tendency of Spanish fascism prohibits all possibility of demagogic manoeuvre as in Italy and Germany. Spanish fascism uses an outdated phreology; and sanctions the return to the time when Christ and the Inquisition were triumphant. The fascists are stripped of any constructive program. They do nothing except fight against the working class movement and in particular against the Socialist Party. The Fascists haven't many leaders.

The ECONOMIC WEEK

By A. M.

The business index continued its decline of the week before. The steel industry is down to below 50% capacity and constitutes the driving force in the downward reversal of the business curve, in the last few weeks. At the same time, the cost of living figures continue to increase. The retail price index of food, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, increased 18.6% between June 1933 and November 1934. . . .

Altho the national income decreased 40% between 1926 and December, 1934 and the volume of production declined by one-third, "the income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50% higher than in 1926 states the report of the NRA Research and Planning Division." . . .

The nature of the stock exchange is very clearly revealed in a report of Professor Colston Warne on industrial corporations' securities issues for the period of 1925 to 1931. The total amount was \$1,765,000,000. Out of this total amount, \$1,765,000,000 was for productive capacity and working capital. The rest represents pure speculation with no direct or indirect relation to actual earning power or tangible assets of the industries. This is one indication of the almost complete parasitical nature of the stock market! . . .

A government report on the auto industry reveals the growing mechanization of the industry. "Less than five years ago a manufacturer finished 100 line-up with 250 men. Today the same line finishes 250 motor blocks with 20% more operations using only 19 men." . . .

WHAT IS CATHOLIC ACTION? DO CATHOLICS AGREE?

The Catholic Worker is the organ of Catholic Action, the organization implementing the program of Labor relations laid down in the encyclical pronouncements of Pope Leo XIII and Pius XI. Catholic Worker soft pedals this kinship as much as possible. In an essay by Peter Maurin it lists what Fascists and presumably happier times the Labor Guild is not an archaic form of economic organization. It might, in fact, be called the newest form for wherever it appears it is coupled with the latest form of state power, Fascism.

THE SPANISH REVOLUTION

Calm has been reestablished in Spain. Trains are running again. Newspapers have reappeared. Merchants have opened their shops. The priests and police are once more masters in the villages. The marching of the militia is again heard in the large cities. The shadow of the Civil Guard, surrounded by his sinister tricorn, spreads everywhere. The large bourgeoisie, momentarily reassured, breathes with a certain ease after the days filled with disquiet. The councils of war are in permanent session distributing sentences of death, life imprisonment, and sometimes shorter terms. The prisons are not large enough to lodge the thousands of arrested revolutionaries. Many ships have been conscripted as well as barracks and army depots and public buildings to house all the prisoners. The workers organizations have been dissolved. The petty-bourgeois Republicans are persecuted almost as much as the workers. Those municipalities which had a Socialist or Republican representative have had to resign their representation by order of the government. The penalty of death has been reestablished. . . . In a word, law and order reigns in Spain.

Two Roads For Bourgeoisie

The bourgeoisie has to choose: to wait until popular unrest has been calmed to do that along with the aid of military force, or to attempt to establish a dictatorship. . . .

The Church Knows ITS REVOLUTIONS

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This is the last article in a series of five on the heroic struggle of the Spanish proletariat against the forces of Fascism repression by the Lerroux-Gil Robles government of Spain.

The Catholic Worker, Catholic Action, Falco Comitee, the League for Social Justice, the Commonweal—it represents an impressive mass base. And if you think the Catholics are afraid or unwilling to make a real bid for power call up the ghosts of the Austrian dead, slain on the battlefields of Vienna, the Limburgers, the arm of the Church Militant, the demi-chancellor Dollfus.

THE CATHOLIC WORKER

By A. M.

Among the pink sheets, the green sheets and the red sheets that are hawked along New York's Fourteenth Street has come a new paper to offer its panacea to the worker in rebellion. This is the Catholic Worker. . . .

A little eight page tabloid, spattered with one column inlucum cuts, drawings of a black worker and a white worker at his mstead all in all a very proletarian looking monthly paper. According to a streamer headline the Catholic Worker now has a circulation of 50,000. This is possibly accurate since it sells for one cent and has behind it all the distribution facilities of the church. . . .

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# THUMBS DOWN BY KNITGOODS WORKERS ON DUAL UNION'S UNITY MANEUVERS

## Nelson Nails Slanders of Industrial Union in Hot Debate

Brooklyn, N. Y. At a general Membership Meeting of the Joint Council Knitgoods Workers' Union, held February 28th, at the Amalgamated Temple in Brooklyn, 1500 knitgoods workers registered their approval of the Progressive Administration of the Union by an overwhelming vote. The issue under discussion was the question of "unity" that is, the admission of members of the Industrial Union into the Joint Council. The position of the Joint Council was made clear in the reading of the minutes, that every knitgoods worker was welcome into the ranks of the International but that the Union would not enter into negotiations with the so-called Industrial Union.

After a vigorous debate on the issue Louis Nelson, progressive Manager of the Joint Council, took the floor. The speech made by Brother Nelson showed clearly to all workers present the anti-union position adopted by the "Left Group."

"Only a few months ago, the Rank and File group and the Industrial Union was calling our Union a company union, and its officers were called scabs and Fascists," he said. "Today, without any repudiation of these charges, they are demagogically appealing for 'unity.' For

six years the progressives in the A. F. of L. Unions have asked them to liquidate their dual union and to come into the A. F. of L. They answered with the vilest slanders against the A. F. of L. unions, the progressives, and all constructive forces and today they have the nerve to come before the Union and ask for concessions. The workers cannot easily forget the ruin and havoc they have brought to the labor movement. What do they mean by unity? Do they mean that they want bargain prices? That is no principled question. Or is it that they want to hoist the ruinous leadership of the Industrial Union on our membership. We are not ready to make bargains with anyone. If they are ready to come into our Union, they will follow the procedure that every other member followed. We have taken in a number of former Industrial Union members and have even made it easier for them to get in. No one has ever been kept out of our Union, and no one ever will."

At the conclusion of Nelson's talk, Chairman Spindel called for a vote on approval of the report of the Joint Council, the forest of hands that went up was the most convincing proof of the feelings of the membership on the question.

Communism by the roots—they filed into the class rooms where lectures were going on. Judging by the blank look on the faces of these investigators, it is safe to assume that their education had been sadly neglected. Whatever was being taught at the moment was quite out of reach of these enthusiastic snoopers.

Finding this rather dull they filed out and into the library. There things went much better for them. They discovered books, magazines and papers of undoubted crimson hue. The fact that any or all of these could be found in any of the standard libraries worried them not at all. Here was something within the grasp of their limited mentality and they made the most of it. The committee left after several hours of grilling most of which was directed at Director Lucien Koch.

What will happen is not certain. The committee was very much nonplussed to discover that one of the donors to the College was Supreme Court Justice Brandeis and a number of highly respected and influential citizens in Arkansas. Commonwealth must continue to place its chief faith on workers organizations. These have not been slow—hundreds of protests are streaming in.

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# CROPPERS TO TALK IN RODGERS CASE

## Red-Baiting Committee Prowl Through Bushes at Commonwealth College

New York City The united front committee for the defense of Ward Rodgers announces that three representatives of the share croppers union of Arkansas have arrived in New York. The defense committee plans to utilize these three farmers in a whole series of mass meetings in which the conditions of the share croppers will be depicted. It was in the course of the organization of these exploited share croppers that Ward Rodgers was arrested and charged with criminal anarchy. The state of Arkansas, under pressure of the rich planters, has begun a statewide drive against the share croppers' unions and against all those assisting them in organization to resist the encroachments of the rich planters.

It was as a result of this anti-"red" drive that a resolution was introduced in the state legislature of Arkansas to investigate Commonwealth College which was termed a hotbed of communism and radicalism.

Mena, Ark. A committee elected by the State Legislature of Arkansas, with an enormous staff of experts and stenographers swooped down on us a few days ago. After parading all over the grounds and examining every tree and bush—part of the job, apparently, of tearing up com-

# LOCAL 22 DEMANDS PASSAGE OF CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

A stirring appeal for favorable action on the Child Labor Amendment now before the State Assembly, was addressed today to William C. McCreery, chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, to other members of the committee and to a number of assemblymen from New York City by Dressmakers Union Local 22 of the I.L.G.W.U. This is one of the largest labor organizations, embracing over 30,000 members in its ranks.

The message of the organization, signed by Charles S. Zimmerman, secretary-manager, sharply condemns the "evasive action" of the Senate Judiciary Committee in shelving the matter and preventing it from coming to a vote. It urges the legislators to "heed the voice of organized labor and of the masses of the people" and endorses the Federal amendment banning child labor. The telegram follows in full:

"In the name of the thirty thousand dressmakers organized in its ranks Dressmakers Union Local Twenty-Two I.L.G.W.U. calls upon you to do your utmost in obtaining favorable action on Child Labor Amendment. Our members are intensely concerned in banning child labor from this country and are indignant at the evasive action of the Senate Judiciary Committee in refusing to allow the issue to come before the Legislature. We appeal to you to heed the voice of organized labor and of the masses of the People and take vigorous action in wiping out this shameful evil by endorsing the amendment."

# SHOE--

(Continued from Page 1) dustrial conflict. For every decision favorable to labor there have been at least five unfavorable ones." He further attacked the establishment of such a court (obviously Dean Archer's Plan for industrial harmony) by declaring that labor "would never surrender its right to strike, under any conditions."

He produced statistical evidence that refuted the contention that high wages in the state were responsible for the trouble. He showed that during 1934 average weekly earnings in Massachusetts in the industry were a little over \$16 a week, while the State of New York paid an average of over \$20 per week. During this time New York produced more shoes than at any time in the past and climbed ahead of Massachusetts as the leading producer of shoes by an ever wider margin.

On Monday, February 28th, the newspapers of Boston and elsewhere carried an electrifying story so unique and astonishing that it gripped the imagination of the gullible.

Mr. Nathan Brindis, shoe manufacturer, was overwhelmed by the hugs and kisses of his female employees when he made a dramatic entrance to a meeting of his employees held under the auspices of his company union, the American Shoe Workers Union, Incorporated. At this meeting, his employees were to have voted in favor of a "voluntary" wage cut. This, the generous Mr. Brindis could not allow, and so he dramatically declared in part: "Don't do this. Instead of accepting a voluntary reduction in your wages, I believe that by July 1st I will be able to increase wages for all of you."

This dramatic step started all of New England singing the praises of Mr. Brindis, and so loud are the chants, that the real story behind this generosity was almost lost in the shuffle. Here it is:

Mr. Brindis was planning to impose a wage cut of 10%. The workers were preparing to ask for an increase of 10%. When they discovered that Mr. Brindis' company union flunkies were working in cahorts with him, there developed considerable agitation among the workers for affiliation in a body with a real union—the United Shoe & Leather Workers Union. Mr. Brindis readily realized that something dramatic had to be done to forestall such a "calamity." Hence, this clever move to prevent his workers from joining a genuine union.

It is rather strange that Mr. Brindis' conviction that "the shoe industry can pay higher wages" does not extend to his other plants, as for instance, the removal of the Dancette Shoe Company of which he is an owner, from Haverhill, Massachusetts into Plaistow, New Hampshire, 3 miles north, changing the name to Plaistow Shoe Company, in order to break a union agreement and pay sub-minimum wages. Also, perhaps Mr. Brindis can spare some of generosity for the workers of the Mayville Shoe Corporation of Mayville, Wisconsin, which he and his two brothers own, and which moved to Mayville from Milwaukee after a strike of his employees was settled through the intervention of the Regional Labor Board of that region.

In addition to paying the vast majority of these employees no more than the minimum code wages, this concern has deducted 5% from even these wages in order to raise 15,000 dollars promised to them by the Mayor of Mayville as an inducement to move. NRA investigators found flagrant violations of code provisions, and ordered a restitution of \$1294 of which the firm fleeced the workers.

It is very bad indeed that such facts somewhat tarnish the glamour of Mr. Brindis' "new deal" in Lawrence.

# WHILE UNITY IS CRY THE INDUSTRIAL UNION'S THUGS STALK THE FUR MARKET

## Two AF of L Furriers Slugged While Patrolling Shops By Gold's Gangsters

New York, N. Y. On Saturday March 2, Ben Gold of the Fur Workers Industrial Union let loose a new terror campaign in the fur market. Two members of the Joint Council (A. F. of L.) were badly beaten, one of these being taken to the hospital in serious condition. M. Ritman of the Joint Council was attacked and brutally slugged by Isadore Row of the strong arm squad of the Industrial Union. B. Collenberg also of the Joint Council was attacked by an Italian thug—not a furrier—on the payroll of Ben Gold. This same Italian thug was also involved in the crippling of Joe Farber some months ago. Both Collenberg and Ritman were part of a large committee recruited at an open forum of the Joint Council for the purpose of enforcing the agreement by stopping all shops working on Saturday. At mass meetings Ben Gold may cry about enforcing conditions but in practice the Industrial Union shows its face by slugging committees sent to guard conditions in the shops.

# 7A OUT--

(Continued from Page 1) was made after a trial lasting over ten weeks during which hundreds of witnesses were heard on both sides. It was an action brought by the attorney general for the Federal Government to enjoin the company from running a company union on the ground that it is against the provisions of Section 7A. Despite the fact that the company has signed the Steel Code, it flagrantly violated its sections applying to the right of workers to organize and protect their interests through collective bargaining and through representatives of their own choosing. The company has established and maintained a company union. The workers organization was smashed, a spy system was established and any worker found belonging to the union was discriminated against and discharged. To prevent these abuses an action was begun to get an injunction against the company. As is usually the procedure in such cases, an application was made for a temporary injunction against the company. In this application the company scored its first victory. The injunction was denied on the ground that it is in violation of the Norris-LaGuardia Act, in that it seeks to get a temporary injunction without a hearing of witnesses. The details about that decision were printed in the Age several weeks ago. Already in the decision against the preliminary injunction one could see the outcome of the final trial. Now, after ten weeks of testimony and hearings, the application for a final injunction was denied on the ground that Section 7A is unconstitutional, in that it tries to interfere with interstate commerce, which the Congress has no authority to do, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution. The decision also held that the company union is not in violation of the Steel Code which was signed by the company.

**The Bituminous Coal Decision**  
 In this case the aggressive steps were taken not by the government, but by the bituminous coal companies against the government. They applied for an injunction to prevent the NRA bodies from enforcing the Bituminous Coal Code with relation to the regulation of wages and hours of work. They contended that such regulation is unconstitutional in that it deprives the employer of property without due process of law. They applied for a temporary injunction. And even though this case as well as the Weirton case involved an industrial dispute, yet the Court here found it possible and permissible to issue a temporary injunction despite the Norris-LaGuardia bill.

What happened in the fur market Saturday morning bears out once again that the existence of the Fur Workers Industrial Union is the greatest hindrance to the unification of the ranks of the furriers. The strong arm work in the market indicates clearly that Ben Gold's spread-eagle speeches about unity of the furriers are dishonest and only meant to hold on to those workers in the Industrial Union who are honestly desirous of unity with the A. F. of L.

When at a recent mass meeting Gold threatened the Joint Council if it does not meet his demands there were many workers who did not understand the full meaning of these words but the slugging in the fur market makes his words very clear. The members of the Joint Council who have in the past withstood Gold's strong arm squads will not be scared by the recent attacks. But the members of the Industrial Union must know clearly that with such methods unity in the fur industry will not be achieved. There can be no unity as long as Gold holds a withered olive branch in one hand and a blackjack in the other. This Gold should have learned a long time ago.

We, of the progressive group in the Joint Council appeal to the members of the Industrial Union to call a halt to these tactics of Gold. To really begin to unify the divided ranks of the fur workers by leaving the Industrial Union, which will be liquidated anyway in a short time, and joining the Joint Council.

One union in the industry is needed and since Gold and his little clique are holding up unification it is the job of the furriers to take the matter into their own hands.

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# "LEFT" AND REACTIONARIES IN LOCAL 22 UNITE AGAINST PROGRESSIVE GROUP

(Continued from Page 1) Board, that their expense allowances for patrolling be increased. The answer to this grafting scheme was to abolish the Union Defenders Committee and to place the work of enforcing the hours restrictions under the organization department of the union on a purely voluntary basis. It is these disappointed racketeers who form the second link in the "Left" chain.

## THE ALLIES DRAFT A PROGRAM

It is unfortunate that the story of the drafting of the United Dressmakers program cannot be told. Certainly the meeting of these three cliques, who have no common interest except a hatred of the Progressives, must have been a succession of miracles in compromise. The program that finally emerged was a mixture of falsification, demagoguery, and proposals stolen from the Progressives.

The Triple Alliance claims that only 25% of the dressmakers are receiving the guaranteed minimum—a palpable lie in an attempt to discount the record of the Progressive administration in collecting over \$200,000 in back pay for workers during the last year. Making an appeal for support to the "young workers in minority crafts"—finishers, examiners, cleaners, etc.—the Alliance claims that they are not protected by the union. The truth is that the International is the only union in the country that has an agreement covering all the workers in the shop and providing minimums for all.

Other issues raised such as the protection of workers from discharge on account of union activities and the old cry for union democracy are mere yapping. Local 22, under the leadership of the

Progressives, has a spotless record on both points.

The two constructive proposals contained in the program of the Alliance are for a Labor Bureau to do away with employment agencies and hiring from the streets and for the establishment of week work. Both are good proposals—and both are cardinal points in the Progressive program!

## THE PROGRESSIVES RUN ON THEIR RECORD

The Progressive administration in Local 22 can cite its record as its best election platform. Beginning with the general strike in 1933—a strike which the "Lefts" tried to sabotage and which the Active-Club group sneered at—the Progressives have made Local 22 a name synonymous with all that is best in the American labor movement. In the convention of the International Garment Workers the proposals of Local 22 for industrial unionism, for a Labor Party, and for an organization drive were all carried and in a real sense exerted an influence on the A. F. of L. San Francisco convention.

Nor has Local 22 confined itself to resolutions. Its aid has been extended to the labor movement without stint as can be testified by the textile workers, the New York elevator operators, the bakers, pocketbook workers, etc.

Blinded by their factional hatred the Communist Party may deny all these achievements of the Progressives. But to allow this hatred to lead them into a den of bureaucrats and grafters is more than a tactical blunder. It is a course that pursued further will wreck not only the trade unions in a welter of confusion but the Communist Party as well.